



Transit Equity Advisory Committee (TEAC) Board Summary

Members received updates on the following topics:

New TEAC meeting format

TEAC meetings are moving to a Quarterly Schedule; meetings will continue to be held on the Second Tuesday at the same time (4:30-6:30) and in a hybrid format (In-Person at One Main Place or Virtually via Zoom)

- [Gateway North MAX Station is open](#) – it's about 500 feet north of Gateway TC and is dedicated to Red Line trains headed from PDX to Beaverton.
- [New Electric buses](#) -10-12 Gillig battery electric buses arriving; 27 total ordered
- [MAX Blue disruption](#) - Last Better Red disruption from the Orenco station to Downtown Hillsboro took place on March 16-24.
- [Senate Bill 1553-1](#) – The bill which makes drug use on transit or transit properties a Class A misdemeanor, passed senate and house, and is awaiting governor's signature. If signed, law will go into effect January 2025.
- [Celebrating diversity bus wrap](#) – **New wrapped bus on the road.** We have done many bus wraps including Rose Parks Day, Black History Month, Asian Pacific Islander month, etc. About 20 uniquely wrapped buses on the system.
- [Access Transit](#) - Fare Relief grant applications open - Qualified non-profits can apply for Up to \$20,000 in grants in fares.
- [Hiring](#) - We had 4,000 new applicants in 2024, and we are still hiring for many openings all positions (200-300 total).
- [TriMet Summer Internships](#) - Now hiring for summer intern positions available in Community Outreach and others within TriMet.

TEAC members raised question on Senate Bill 1553-1, such as

- How will this change will be communicated to riders so they know it's illegal?
- How will safety ambassadors might be able to help and TEAC members as well?
- Could this be a role for SRTs?

The Inclusion Diversity Equity and Accessibility Division (IDEA) introduced the new Language Access Program Manager Christina Bonilla. Staff noted the appreciation for TEAC members for their contributions and engagement during the interview process, which led to the successful selection of this position.

TEAC Member Organization Updates - As part of the new format of TEAC, members were engaged in a round-robin discussion, providing updates on their current projects, areas of work as well as programming and interactions with riders. TEAC members shared information ranging from workforce development, Housing, Organizing, Advocacy work, Senior and Youth programing; in classroom training for safe driving and free E-bike program including how-to guide to make it practical amongst much more. Lots of excitement around possible partnerships and opportunities to meet one on one when we are not meeting via TEAC.

Overview of Draft Business Plan and Next Steps - TEAC Members received an overview of the

current Fiscal Year Plan which covers the period from July 1 to June 30. The overview focused on the structure of Business Plan, highlighting the organizations **Pillar & Focus Areas. Structure, Measures and Performance, Progress and Accomplishments**

[Ridership: Actions to Increase Ridership; Community: Actions to Serve and Connect to Community; People: Actions to Support TriMet Team Members; Infrastructure: Actions to Maintain and Build Transit Infrastructure; Resources: Actions to Steward and Optimize Resources]

Members were invited to review the full draft plan available online for review and follow along in the progress of the identified goals and objectives. Noting that as we develop the ridership goals for Vision 2030, the Business Plan will evolve with it.

Fare Subsidy Workgroup Update - The fare subsidy work is currently at the midway point. The consultants are working on area 1 & 2 parameters (Programs and Practices) creating an agency questionnaire to gather information on Subsidize fares for low-income populations. The survey will be prepared in TriMet's survey tool and distributed in April to agencies with subsidize fare programs. The questions were sent out to TEAC members for review and feedback. The TriMet team will incorporate feedback before finalizing survey for distribution. Additionally, the consulting team are working on the 3rd parameter: Zero Fare Systems. A report on this parameter is expected to be completed by summer 2024.

TEAC Meeting Topics- staff share topics to be considered on future meetings. Members were encouraged to add topics of interest to the list. Additions include: TriMet efforts and strategies in the Oregon Legislature; Metro regional planning and Tolling.

Lastly, members were reminded of the Board Chair nominations for TEAC.

- Only one person has been nominated; No vote taken, will check in with members not present and take a vote at June meeting.